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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

January 16, 2008

St. Mary's 113 B; 12:00 PM

Present: D. Biers (presiding), T. Eggemeier, P. Johnson, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, J. O'Gorman, R. Penno, A. Seielstad, T. Stevens, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Roll Call:

Ten members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

January 9, 2007 approved with one correction. The need to receive a document on the COM modules will be added to the list of agenda items.

In addition, it was noted the Honors and Scholars Program needs to be considered in order to determine if Senate action is required and if so, what Senate action.

Announcements:

- The Election Committee met with F. Pestello and J. Untener last Friday. There should be an announcement out this week preparing faculty for a vote for the Promotion and Tenure Committee during the week of January 28-February 1.

Old Business:

The Executive Committee discussed the election of a University Promotion and Tenure Committee as required by Doc 06-10. There has been some confusion about the process for carrying out the elections. Section I. C. 1. says "The Academic Senate will establish the University Committee and provide oversight of the elections of faculty members to the University Committee." It was moved and seconded: In accord with the responsibilities of the Academic Senate as set out in Doc 06-10, the University-wide election will proceed. It will be run by the elections committee and will encompass all academic units. The motion passed 7 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstention. R. Wells will convey this decision to the ad hoc committee dealing with this issue at its meeting today.

- The Executive Committee discussed a proposal that is being circulated by the Department of English regarding proposed changes in the English component in the General Education and Competencies requirements. This proposed change has not officially been submitted to the Academic Senate for review. The Executive Committee is concerned that the process for changing any component of the University requirement needs to be transparent. Because of this, it is important that the meeting with P. Benson, D. Pair, and C. Daprano take place soon. (See minutes of January 9, 2008). D. Biers will arrange this meeting and will also talk with A. Kimbrough to ensure that AAC action is not taken before appropriate Senate consultation and action can be determined.

- D. Biers will consult with F. Pestello to see if he is able to attend the Executive Committee meeting next week to discuss post-tenure review.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary